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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
MIROSLAW Z. BOBER : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :  
(Based on PCT/JP00/04401)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: METHOD, APPARATUS,  
COMPUTER PROGRAM,  
COMPUTER SYSTEM AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE STORAGE  
FOR REPRESENTING AND  
SEARCHING FOR AN OBJECT IN  
AN IMAGE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-22 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 23-50 as follows:

--23. (New) A method of representing an object appearing in a still or video image,

by processing signals corresponding to the image, the method comprising deriving a plurality